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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 51.9 degrees, 1.5 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 23. Precipitation averaged 1.20 inches, 0.26 inches above normal. The Northwest district received the most precipitation with 2.07 inches, while the Northeast district was the driest with only 0.63 inches of rain. Growing degree days for the week were 28 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 21. This is 1.0 day ahead of last year but 0.7 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	1.9	1.5	8.9
1999	0.9	3.1	14.2
1995-1999	2.6	2.5	12.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	63	34
Last Week	1	6	73	20
Same Week Last Year	0	3	46	51
1995-1999 Average	0	4	51	45

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 23

Respondents estimate 4 percent of the **corn** crop is planted, 11 days behind last year and 3 days behind the 1995-99 average. Sixty-four percent of the **oat** crop is planted. This is about one week behind last year but 3 days ahead of the five year average. Oats are 39 percent emerged, 4 days behind last year but 5 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Soybeans** are 1 percent planted, 2 days behind the five year average. **Winter wheat** advanced 29 points to 65 percent jointed. This is about 6 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Tobacco producers have 84 percent of their beds seeded, about 6 days behind last year. Forty percent of tobacco beds have plants up, about 4 days behind 1999. **Potatoes** are 13 percent planted, about 2 weeks behind last year and 4 days behind the five year average. **Sugarbeets** advanced 14 points to 23 percent planted.

Apples are 78 percent in green tip and 46 percent in full bloom. Last year at this time, apples were 91 percent in green tip. **Peaches** are 81 percent in green tip and 60 percent in full bloom, compared to 92 percent and 53 percent in 1999, respectively.

Activities throughout the state include applying anhydrous ammonia, fertilizer, and lime; hauling manure, plowing, chiseling, discing, applying pre-emergence herbicides, burning brush, clearing fence rows, equipment maintenance and preparation, installing tile, moving grain, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, planting sweet corn, setting tomatoes, planting grasses and legumes, marketing grain, top dressing wheat, seeding peppers, hunting mushrooms, culling unproductive livestock, and buying seed.

Alfalfa weevil damage was reported in several areas, including Highland, Butler, Ross, and Clark counties. A Huron county reporter mentioned that conditions are now favorable for apple scab infection.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 88 percent of the winter wheat crop is good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were rated 65 percent good to excellent. Pasture and grass continue to improve due to rainfall and warm temperatures. However, excessive precipitation has made pastures too wet to graze in several areas. Fieldwork has been slowed by wet conditions throughout the state. Some reporters expressed concern about late planting.

Livestock are reported in good condition throughout the state. Lambing is complete in most areas, and calving is nearing completion. Livestock are under no apparent stress, and feed supplies are adequate in most areas.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 23

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	4	8	7	2	9
Oats planted	64	75	59	53	40
Oats emerged	39	52	28	26	9
Potatoes planted	13	41	18	12	NA
Soybeans planted	1	5	3	NA	NA
Sugarbeets planted	23	NA	NA	9	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	84	96	NA	69	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	40	58	NA	25	NA
Winter wheat jointed	65	44	30	36	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 23

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	26	52	13
Previous Week	2	8	30	47	13
Previous Year	0	3	21	57	19
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	0	1	11	52	36
Previous Week	0	1	14	51	34
Previous Year	0	1	11	57	31
APPLES					
Current Week	4	3	22	56	15
Previous Week	4	5	19	61	11
Previous Year	0	1	14	68	17
PEACHES					
Current Week	5	10	19	52	14
Previous Week	5	12	21	52	10
Previous Year	0	2	17	65	16
HAY					
Current Week	0	7	23	55	15
Previous Week	1	8	28	50	13
Previous Year	0	2	21	58	19

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 23

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	50.0	-2.0	2.07	1.09	3.07	0.48	23	-28	91	-29
North Central	49.3	-2.4	1.03	0.10	3.55	1.00	21	-28	83	-33
Northeast	50.3	-0.4	0.63	-0.18	4.37	1.83	24	-24	87	-29
West Central	51.6	-1.8	1.37	0.32	4.25	1.37	31	-25	110	-27
Central	52.3	-1.6	1.09	0.14	4.19	1.35	31	-29	119	-30
Central Hills	50.5	-1.5	0.91	-0.01	4.42	1.66	26	-27	96	-34
Northeast Hills	52.4	-0.2	1.01	0.20	4.32	1.66	31	-25	104	-34
Southwest	53.4	-2.1	1.20	0.07	4.32	1.18	40	-27	133	-33
South Central	53.9	-2.2	1.19	0.28	3.42	0.64	39	-33	156	-31
Southeast	53.7	-0.7	1.19	0.33	3.60	0.82	36	-29	137	-29
STATE	51.9	-1.5	1.20	0.26	3.91	1.15	31	-28	114	-31

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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